

REMARKS

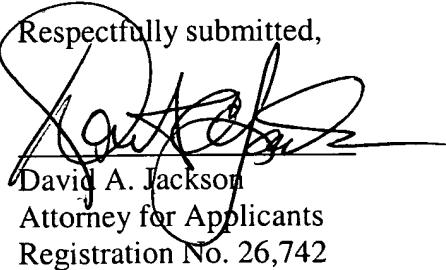
The Specification has been amended to include reference to application number PCT/US2003/028676, filed 12 September 2003, which in turn, claims priority from United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/410,048, filed 12 September 2002.

Claims 2-4, 9-26, 32-34, 36-37, 41-99, 103-110, and 112-115 are canceled herein without prejudice.

Claims 1, 27, 100-102, and 111 are amended herein. Support for the amendments is found in the original claims and throughout the Specification as filed. Specifically, support for amendment to claim 101 is found in original claims 100 and 101. Support for amendment to claim 102 is found in original claims 100, 81-82, 84-85, and 102-104. Support for amendment to claim 111 is found in original claims 111, 100, 107, 81-82, 84-85, and 102-104. No issue of new matter is introduced by these amendments.

New claims 116-117 are presented herein. Support for new claims 116-117 is found in the original claims and throughout the Specification as filed. Support for new claim 116 is found in original claim 102. Support for new claim 117 is found in original claims 81-82, 84-85, 100, and 103-104. No issue of new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and early and favorable processing in the National Phase before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is courteously solicited.

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